

HEARING AID AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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The organizations listed below may offer financial assistance towards the purchase of hearing aids to people with limited incomes.

AGENCY FOR HEARING (Sacramento and surrounding areas)

(916) 732-9040

(888) 725-8372

Website: www.agencyforhearing.org

E-mail: clinic@agencyforhearing.org

This program offers a long-term hearing aid loan program which is provided on a sliding scale basis.

AUDIENT PROGRAM

(206) 838-7194

(877) 283-4368

Website: www.audientalliance.org

E-mail: info@audientalliance.org

This program offers reduced cost hearing aids for qualifying low income applicants.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

(916) 558-5670 (Voice)

(916) 558-5673 (TTY)

Website: www.rehab.cahwnet.gov/ssd/deafser.htm

E-mail: dhhs@dor.ca.gov

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) purchases hearing aids for clients if needed for the successful completion of their Individual Plans for Employment. If the client has Medi-Cal, then DOR will ask them to use that service as a similar benefit to obtain one hearing aid while DOR purchases the other one.

CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES

(888) 225-7377

(916) 795-3240 (TTY)

Website: www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/home.xml

Basic healthcare plans for California state employees provide a \$1,000 allowance for hearing aids every 36 months.

DISABLED CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

(516) 377-1605

Website: dcrf.com

This charitable organization grants applications that may be used for modest awards for assistive devices such as hearing aids. Applications are available between April and September.

EAR OF THE LION HEARING FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

(800) 327-8077

(559) 291-4662

Website: www.md4lions.org/projects/earofthelion.htm

E-mail: hearfoundation@aol.com

This hearing foundation offers assistance to low income individuals for hearing aids, medical/surgical and audio logical services.

HEAR NOW

(800) 648-4327

Website: www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow

This is a national non-profit program committed to assisting deaf and hard of hearing persons with limited financial resources

THE HIKE FUND (Children)

c/o: H.I.K.E. Board Secretary

10115 Cherry Hill Place

Spring Hill, FL 34608

Website: www.thehikefund.org

E-mail: ceterrill1@aol.com

The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund collects funds to award to children who are in need of hearing aids or other assistive listening devices with limited financial resources.

MEDI-CAL

(800) 541-5555

Website: www.medi-cal.ca.gov

If you currently are a recipient of Medi-Cal benefits, you may obtain hearing aids through the program.

MIRACLE-EAR® CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION (Children)

(877) 268-4264

Website: www.miracleear.com/childrenrequest.aspx

Miracle-Ear® Children's Foundation provides free hearing aids and services to children from low-income families.

SERTOMA

(816) 333-8300

Website: www.sertoma.org

This service organization is dedicated to helping people with speech, language and hearing disorders. Individuals clubs within the state may help with hearing aid funding.

TPA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE DEAF AND NEAR DEAF

(314) 371-0533

Website: www.mindspring.com/~tpatxdiv/scholar.htm

The Travelers Protective Association of America Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf provides financial assistance to individuals of all ages who suffer deafness or hearing impairment.

NOTE: Completed application must be returned by March 1st of each year. TPA Trustees review all applications on file in April, notifies recipients in May, and checks are mailed after August 1st. Recipients may receive additional aid and must complete a new application each time they seek additional help.

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION (VA)

California Department of Veterans Affairs

(800) 952-5626

(800) 324-5966 (TTY)

(800) 221-8998 (Outside California)

Website: www.cdva.ca.gov

If you are a veteran of the armed services and you think your hearing loss may be service-connected, you may be eligible for assistive technology devices and services through the Veteran's Administration (VA). Your local VA office will be able to refer you to the appropriate VA medical facility for assistance.

COCHLEAR IMPLANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The organizations listed below may offer financial assistance to people with limited incomes towards the purchase of cochlear implants.

CNI CENTER FOR HEARING

Colorado Neurological Institute

(303) 788-4010

Website: www.thecni.org/hearing/assistance.htm

CNI's Center for Hearing is committed to helping provide patients with cochlear implants and rehabilitation.

GIFT OF HEARING FOUNDATION

(617) 661-4327

Website: www.giftofhearingfoundation.org

E-mail: info@giftofhearingfoundation.org

The Foundation will provide support to a select number of economically disadvantaged cochlear implant candidates.

HEARING FOR CHILDREN

(503) 266-6576

(503) 266-6418 (Fax)

Website: www.h4c.org

Hearing For Children is a charitable organization dedicated to making cochlear implants available worldwide to as many needy and deserving deaf children and adults as possible.

MEDI-CAL

(800) 541-5555

Website: www.medi-cal.ca.gov

If you currently are a recipient of Medi-Cal benefits, you may obtain cochlear implants through the program.

MEDICARE

(800) 633-4227

Website: www.medicare.gov

Medicare is authorized to cover cochlear implants, but will not cover payments for hearing aids.